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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 0205

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, MOPS, XF
SUBJ: TAPLINE STOPS PUMPING

1. TAPLINE REP MAHMUD YUSUF TOLD EMBOFF 11 JANUARY THAT TAP-
LIME ON 10 JANUARY OFFICIALLY HAD INFORMED THE LEBANESE
GOVERNMENT (PM AL-HUSS) VIA ITS VP FROM DHAHRAN MAJAD ELASS,
THAT TAPLINE HAD STOPPED PUMPING CRUDE TO ITS REFINERY AT
ZAHRANI (NEAR SAIDA) ON 12 DECEMBER. TAPLINE CITED AS REASONS
ITS INABILITY TO CONTROL THE ADMINISTRATION OR PRODUCTION
AT ZAHRANI DUE TO LABOR INCIDENTS BEING PERPETRATED BY A
LOCAL EMPLOYEE NAMED AYUB SHAMI WHO IS THE HEAD OF THE TER-
MINAL LABOR UNION. ELASS HAD SAID PUMPING WOULD POSSIBLY
RESUME IF THE LABOR SITUATION STABILIZED, SOMETHING WHICH
DID NOT LOOK LIKE HAPPENING IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

2. YUSUF ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD INFORMED THE SYRIAN
GOVERNMENT THAT PUMPING HAD STOPPED. LACK OF CRUDE IN
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SOUTH LEBANON MAY AFFECT THE ABILITY OF SYRIAN FORCES
IN LEBANON TO OBTAIN THE POL THEY NEED TO ACT
EFFECTIVELY. SYRIA MAY EVENTUALLY HAVE TO START SEND-
ING POL FOR ITS TROOPS IN LEBANON FROM THE REFINERY
IN HOMS. YUSUF ALSO COMMENTED THAT THERE IS ENOUGH
CRUDE STORED IN ZAHRANI TO SUPPLY IPC IN TRIPOLI UNTIL
THE END OF JANUARY.

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